

GRAUSTARK

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20 March 1966

1965L

Fall 1906

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Spring 1904

TURKISH VICTORY FAILS TO
HALT RUSSIAN ADVANCE

ENGLAND: A Wal-Liv.

FRANCE: A Mar holds; A Pic-Par;
A North Africa-Tun; F Wes S
A North Africa-Tun.

GERMANY: A Bur-Gas; A Ruh-Bur;
A Bel S A Ruh-Bur; A Mun-Tyr;
A Tus-Rom; A Ven S A Tus-Rom;
F North Sea-Eng; F Lon holds;
F Mid-Por.

ITALY: A Pie-Ven; F Tyr-Nap.

RUSSIA: F Iri-Mid; F North Atlan-
tic S F Iri-Mid; F Liverpool
holds; A Bud-Ser; A Rum-Bul;
A Gre S A Rum-Bul; A Alb S A Gre;
A Ukr-Rum; F Bla S A Rum-Bul;
F Arm holds; A Sev S F Arm.

TURKEY: A Bul-Gre; A Ank-Con;
A Smy-Arm; F Rom-Nap; F Ion
& F Aeg S A Bul-Gre.

Underlined moves are not possible.
The Russian army in Greece is an-
nihiliated.

The High Combatant Powers now
control the following supply
centers:

FRANCE: Bre, Mar, Par, Spa, Tun, (5)

GERMANY: Bel, Ber, Den, Edi, Hol,
Kie, Lon, Mun, Por, Tri, Ven, (11)

RUSSIA: Bud, Bul, Liv, Mos, Nor,
Rum, St.P, Ser, Sev, Swe, Vie,
War, (12)

TURKEY: Ank, Con, Gre, Nap, Rom,
Smy, (6)

England and Italy have lost their
last supply centers, and their re-
maining units are removed. France
may build one new unit, and Russia
and Germany may each build two.

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"WIR FAHREN GEGEN
ENGLAND" - BERLIN

ENGLAND: F Edi-Yor; A Lon-Yor;
F Norway-St.P; F Bar S
F Norway-St.P.

FRANCE: F Eng-Mid; A Par-Gas;
A Spa holds; F Lyo S A Spa.

GERMANY: F Kie-Den; A Bel-Edi;
F North Sea C A Bel-Edi;
A Bur-Bel; A Mun-Kie; A Ruh-Mun.

ITALY: A Rom-Tus; A Mar-Spa;
F Wes S A Mar-Spa; F Ion S
AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN F Gre;
F Nap S F Ion.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: A Ukr-Sev;
A Bud-Rum; A Ser S A Bud-Rum;
A Vie-Gal; F Gre-Bul.

RUSSIA: A Pru-Liv; A Sil-War;
A War-Mos; A Rum-Sev; F St.P-
Norway; F Swe S F St.P-Norway.

TURKEY: A Bul-Gre; F Aeg S A Bul-
Gre; A Con-Bul; F Eas-Ion.

Underlined moves are not possible.
The Austro-Hungarian fleet in
Greece retreats to Albania, and
the Russian army in Rumania is
annihilated. The deadline for
"Fall 1904" moves is SATURDAY
2 APRIL 1966.

BERLIN (Feb. 24, 1904): The
Admiralty announced today that on
the 20th of February a German de-
stroyer was attacked and sunk by
English warships off the coast of
Norway. The Admiralty admits
that they are unable to discover
a reason for the unprovoked at-
tack.

BERLIN (Feb. 25, 1904): The
name of the warship sunk and the

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The deadline for these "Winter 1906" moves is SATURDAY 2 APRIL 1966.

TRYPHEME: The Lone Wolf of Europe is considering giving up territorial ambitions on this time-line. "Where is there room here for a lone operator?" he asked today while reviewing his splendidly equipped Foreign Legion, gathered primarily from the Five Points area of Brooklyn, U. S. A.

CONSTANTINOPLE: All "Reds" from Russia or anywhere else will be hung in Ankara on Christmas Eve.

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names of the casualties has just been released by the government. According to the Admiralty's report the destroyer Nymph, with 180 men and officers, was patrolling the Skagerrak five miles off the coast of Norway when she was fired upon by English warships and sunk. No survivors were found.

This is

The loss of the Nymph and her men could be written off as another misfortune of war if it weren't for the fact that two members of the imperial family were among the men lost. All of Germany is outraged by the brutal mistake of the English. The English Ambassador twice has attempted to see the Kaiser to give the official apology of his government, but twice he was turned away. Experts fear that the unfortunate incident could create a condition of war between England and Germany.

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P Great
E Intervals
R This
A Appears
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I Inflamm
O Optic
N Nerves

BERLIN (Feb. 26, 1904): The Kaiser broke his silence over the Nymph affair by demanding, in a short speech before the Parliament, that the English Empire turn over to the German authorities those persons responsible for the sinking of the Nymph. He continued by saying, "and you can rest assured that those criminals will quickly receive their just rewards for so dastardly an act!"

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LONDON (Feb. 26, 1904): The government refused to surrender the officers responsible for the sinking of the Nymph. Lord Belchbreath was heard to say, "When has England ever surrendered her officers to a foreign court of inquiry? It will be war first!"

BERLIN (Mar. 10, 1904): The government admitted today that German troops are being withdrawn from France in accordance with the Treaty of Mulhouse signed two days ago. It would seem that the German government is repairing her fences in case the Nymph affair escalates into war.

BERLIN (Mar. 12, 1904): The government announced today that a treaty has been signed with Russia ending the seven months' Russo-German border war. According to the treaty all Russian troops are to be withdrawn from Germany no later than the 15th of May.

This is the second major coup the Foreign Ministry has pulled off in five days. Count Down must be congratulated for his brilliant work. Two weeks ago no one would have believed it possible for Germany to make her peace with both France and Russia. Now it appears that the Kaiser's new foreign policy has prepared the way for war with the English Empire.

BERLIN (Apr. 13 1904): The German government has issued an ultimatum to England demanding the release of the English officers responsible for the sinking of the Nymph. All experts expect the ultimatum to be followed by a declaration of war should the English re-

to surrender their officers.

BERLIN (Apr. 2, 1904): "It is with heavy heart that I announce that Germany is at war with Great Britain and the Empire." So were the words spoken by the Kaiser. "At 8 a. m. my ambassador handed the declaration to England's Foreign Secretary. Germany and England are at war."

ST. PETERSBURG: A Revolution was undertaken in Russia! All "Reds" were shot and a new regime of King Charles the First was set up! PEACE -- NUTS!! WAR!!

ATHENS: Grand Duke Spiros Preposterous today announced the formation of NATO (Nations Against Turkey & Others). Under the NATO banner, the flower of European soldiery will stalk the forces of Russia and Turkey, and root them out wherever they may be.

865NT: ENGLISH POWER CONTINUES TO GROW Winter 1905

For the Youngstown University Diplomacy Club, England builds armies in London and Liverpool, and a fleet in Edinburgh. For the Lafayette Tactics Association, Russia builds an army in Moscow and Austria-Hungary builds an army in Vienna. France did not make a contribution to the LTA moves, so the French army in Piedmont is removed by the Gamesmaster. The deadline for "Spring 1906" moves is SATURDAY 2 APRIL 1966.

MOSCOW: Mr. M. V. Smith, not to be confused with Conrad F. von Smith, notorious lecher and demonic diplomat, has announced his intentions of going to Trypheme to confer with authorities about a forthcoming High Camp in the Pyrenees. (It is rumored that a certain dynamic duo will also be in attendance.) Moscow society will certainly miss the indefatigable Mr. Smith. He has mentioned stopping with the Russian Army in Budapest for a while...

VIENNA: Agent Conrad F. von Smith (not to be confused again, with Michael V. Smith of the Russian Red planet of Mars) today conferred with Baron Münchhausen about bringing trained warriors from Babboon to fight in the Austrian and French armies. Smith later complained to the press that the lack of diplomatic correspondence from the Oceanic Powers is making the issuance of press releases more dull and drudgerous ((sic)) with the passing weeks, and appealed for a world-wide resurrection of the printed communication.

TRYPHEME: Mlle. Thierrette, Mistress-in-Ordinary to the Royal Corps of Pages, offered her own insight on the rumors that Martian Tharks would be recruited into the LTA armies.

"But what are these Tharks, M. Giglio?" she asked one of the pages.

"Gigantic green men, Thierrette. They are four meters tall, and have four arms each."

"And proportioned otherwise in this fashion? Magnifique!"

So saying, Mlle. Thierrette resigned her usual position with the corps of pages, and forthwith enlisted Corps Tryphemois des Femmes du Camp.

TRYPHEME: Prime Minister Taxis, Grand Eunuch and Marshal of the Royal Palace, moralized to the press about the virtual collapse of France. "A soft, decadent nation, almost as bad as Trypheme," he called his country's great neighbor, now largely under English occupation. "This is not to say that the English are any better; they pretend to a higher standard of morality than the French, but ever since the English Second Army occupied nearby regions of France, their soldiers have been deserting in droves to the girls of Trypheme."

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Fall-Winter 1904; Spring 1905
WAR BREAKS OUT BETWEEN FRANCE AND ITALY

"Fall 1904"

FRANCE: F Mid-Wes; F Iri-Mid; F Liv-Iri; A Wal-Lon; F Eng S A Wal-Lon; A Bel holds; A Bur S A Bel.

ITALY: A Vie-Gal; A Ser-Rum; A Bud S A Ser-Rum; A Tri-Ser; F Ion-
Aeg; F Nap-Tyr.

RUSSIA: A St.P-Norway; F Den-Swe; A War-Ukr; A Liv-War; A Rum S
AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Gal-Bud; F Aeg S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN F Gre.

The "Winter 1904" builds and removals are:

"Spring 1905"

FRANCE: A Bel-Hol; F Eng S GERMANY F Edi-North Sea; A Lon holds;
F Mar-Lyo; F Wes S F Mar-Lyo; F Mid-Spa (s. c.); F Iri-Mid.

ITALY: F Ion-Tun; F Tyr S F Ion-Tun; F Nap-Ion; F Rom-Tus; A Ser-Tri; A Rum-Ser; A Vie S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Gal-Boh; A Bud S A Vie; A Ven-Tyr.

RUSSIA: A St. P-Fin; A War-Pnu; A Ukr-War; A Sev-Rum.

Underlined moves are not possible. The French army in Burgundy is not ordered, and holds its position. The English fleet in Kiel retreats to the Baltic.

BERLIN: Although the port city of Kiel has been recovered from the English pirates who briefly occupied it, the people of the German Empire are by no means satisfied with the progress of the war. With Russian and Italian forces on their borders, they are beginning to ask themselves whether it was worthwhile to replace the beligerent Wilhelm II with the hot-tempered, bibulous Max III. Nor has the Imperial Family been overly wise in its conduct of public affairs. Although Kaiser Max has tried to keep the story suppressed, it is generally known that Italy was driven into a Russian alliance when the Kaiser's stepsons, Prince Johann and Prince Friedrich, exploded a cherry bomb under the Italian Ambassador's bed at 4:30 AM last New Year's morning.

This act had serious consequences not only in Germany's international relations but also in the Imperial Household. This prank of the Kaiser's stepsons was observed by Prince Rudolf von Rhabarber, who had been trailing them because he was concerned about the attentions they were paying to his sister, the Princess Helene. Prince Rudolf told the Kaiser, who personally administered corporal chastisement as the only man in the Empire permitted by rank to do so. Two days later, the informer Prince Rudolf was found, bound hand and foot and painted green, on top of the Brandenburger Tor.

THE DIPLOMATIC POUCH

JAMES GOLDMAN, Apt. #2, 29 Belmont Ave., Paterson, N. J. (until 27 March); 430 E. 29th St., Paterson, N. J. (after that date, and what's the ZIP Code, Jim?): ((Jim begins by describing his new Superdiplomacy 'zine Wart Hog, the first issue of which has just been published. Subscriptions are 10 issues for \$1.00.)) Also, there will be things like postal chess, bridge, and go games which I will attempt to organize. (Subscribers can play free.) Plus essays and letters on all sorts of subjects.

...By the way, would you be interested in re-publishing that first GRAUSTARK game. (I am if you're not.) I think a lot of the newer players would like to see it.

((Go right ahead. This first game, 1963A, had five players, and was won by Derek Nelson, as Italy.))

JOHN A. McCALLUM, "A" Quarters, S. E. S., Ralston, Alberta: ((1963B)) was a good game while it lasted...No 'zine today has Press Releases of the quality that appeared in the early Ruritania. There are individuals who put out good press releases nowadays... but there is no united body of propaganda work such as made the early Rur such pleasant reading. Do you concur? And if so, do you have a theory to explain it?

((I think this was because Ruritania, during the first 10 game years of 1963B when Dave McDaniel was running it, was played largely among people who knew each other - carnally, in one case - and who enjoyed throwing press releases at one another. The nearest thing that GRAUSTARK has ever had to this situation is when John Smythe as England and Derek Nelson as France were slang-whanging each other in 1964A.))

TERRY KUCH, 2323 Nebraska Ave., Washington, D. C. 20016: In Diplomania a Diplomatic variant is suggested in which the players remain anonymous to each other but not to the Gamesmaster. I. e., player A would know player B was in the game, but would not know which country he was. I think this would be great fun - would you consider running your next game this way?

((No, not really. Such a game might be interesting as an intellectual exercise, but there would be no diplomacy, no possibility of making alliances.))

ERIC BLAKE, Box 26, Jamaica, N. Y. 11431: Your remark about Russia being less aggressive is the most ridiculous thing I've yet seen from you, and that's saying a great deal. Evidences of Russian aggressiveness are present from the jungles of Viet Nam to the streets of our own cities.

(("To the streets of our own cities?" I've seen no Russian soldiers there lately.))

THE GRAUSTARK ROSTER

The following list of names and addresses includes the names of all those who now receive, or have recently received, GRAUSTARK or RURITANIA either as players or as subscribers. It is presented for the convenience of other postal Diplomacy publishers, who might want to try to recruit GRAUSTARK readers for their own 'zines. A number in parentheses after the name of a paid subscriber indicates the number of the issue of GRAUSTARK with which his subscription expires, or has already expired.

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Astute observers may note that a supplementary list of eight GRAUSTARK readers appears after the alphabetized list, and that the number indicating the expiration of paid subscriptions is sometimes immediately after the subscriber's name, and sometimes after his address. The explanation is simple - oversight.

Players whose addresses are given incorrectly or out of date are requested to correct the publisher on these points. If your ZIP code does not appear on the above list, please send it in as soon as possible. After the end of the present year, third class mail will not be deliverable unless it includes the ZIP code.

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POSTAL DIPLOMACY ROSTER REVISIONS

The last complete listing of postal Diplomacy games in progress, with their players and country assignments, appeared in GRAUSTARK #71. Revisions and additions have appeared in subsequent issues, and will continue to appear. See GRAUSTARK #71 for the key to these listings.

1963B - Dave McDaniel (dro W10)
 John Boardman, Ruritania
 E - Fred Lerner (out F05)
 F - Jock Root (res W10)
 John McCallum (out F16)
 G - Allan Calhamer (res W10)
 Roland Tzudiker (dro W16)
 John McCallum
 I - Tom Bulmer (out F05)
 A - Dian Pelz
 R - Bruce Pelz (won W18)
 T - John Boardman (res F01)
 William Christian (out F06)

1965B - T: Bill Schreffler (out W08)

(Note: RURITANIA now ceases publication with the 40th issue. Unexpired subs are transferred to GRAUSTARK.)

1965F - G: Phil Castora (out F05)

1965L - E: Charles Brannan
 (out W06)
 I: John Smythe (out W06)

1965M - I: Bob Cline (res F04)
 T: Terry Houston (res F04)
 Bob Cline

1966H - Charles Brannan, Wild 'n'
 E - John Koning Wooly (1966
 F - Leonard Garland -KM)
 G - Robert Adams
 I - Roland Tzudiker
 A - James Goldman
 R - Ken Davidson
 T - Christine Krogh

FOR YOUR FANZINE FILES

An indispensable publication, not only for the postal Diplomacy player but also for fans of other adult board games, is the Gamesman, the official organ of the National Fantasy Fan Federation's Games Bureau. The third issue of this fact-packed magazine has just appeared, with articles on "tcy soldier" war games, go, and quad as well as Diplomacy. Gamesman also contains a directory of postal Diplomacy games and bulletins, and of war game bulletins. It is 4 issues for \$1.00 from the NFFF GB editor Donald L. Miller, 12315 Judson Road, Wheaton, Md. 20906. The GB also publishes the Gamesletter, which is free to all NFFF GB members; Blitz, a chess bulletin; three postal Diplomacy bulletins: Barad-Dur, Orthanc, and Osgiliath; and the Faerie Chessman, whose scope is non-orthodox chess. These publications are available from:

Barad-Dur, Jack Chalker, 5111 Liberty Heights Ave., Baltimore, Md. 21207; 10 issues for \$1.00

Blitz, Lon Atkins, Box 228, Chapel Hill, N. C. 27514

Gamesletter & Gamesman, Donald L. Miller, address & rates above

Orthanc, Ron Bounds, 649 N. Paca St., Baltimore, Md. 21201;

10 issues for \$1.00

Osgiliath, Jerald Jacks, 4203 Labyrinth Rd., Baltimore, Md.

21215; 10 issues for \$1.00.

Ye Faerie Chessman, Donald L. Miller; 4 issues for \$1.00

The NFFF GB also publishes, at intervals, rulesheets on various board games. Membership is \$1.00 per year through Miller.

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Those who objected to the discussion of political topics in the letter columns of recent GRAUSTARKs are referred to Kipple, an amateur journal of fact, opinion, and comment which is competently edited by Ted Pauls, 1448 Meridene Dr., Baltimore, Md. 21212. In addition to his own solidly researched and written articles, and a lively letter column, Pauls begins with the next issue a regular column by myself. Kipple appears at intervals of approximately three weeks, and is 20¢ per issue.

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